

The production of gold in the Province of Quebec has been regular since 1862, but figures were not available before 1877. The total quantity of quartz crushed in Nova Scotia since 1862 has been 585,069 tons, which has yielded an average of \$14.45 per ton.

474. The world's annual production of gold is variously estimated. For 1886, the Director of the United States Mint gives it at \$98,764,235; Hazell's Annual, 1889, at \$95,211,500; Dr. A. Soelbeer (American Almanac, 1888,) at \$97,761,000.

World's production of gold.

475. The gold produce in Australasia in 1886 was 1,389,048 oz. (Victorian Year Book, 1886-87, p. 471), which, if valued at £4 per ounce, would represent a total value in our currency of \$27,040,134. The gold produce in the United States in 1887 was 1,596,500 ounces, valued at \$33,147,000. According to Mr. Hayter, the total quantity of gold raised in the Australasian Colonies from 1851 (the year of the first discovery of gold) to 1886 has been 81,024,307 ounces, which may be valued at \$1,577,273,176, and according to Mr. Day the total value of the gold produce of the United States since 1804 has been \$1,776,855,670. From 1804 to 1848, however, the amount is only placed at \$13,243,475.

Production of gold in Australasia and United States.

476. Iron ore is to be found in great abundance and variety in all the Provinces of the Dominion except Manitoba; but owing, presumably, both to lack of enterprise and capital, it has no where been mined to any great extent. Even in Nova Scotia, which possesses ore of extreme purity, and which is the only Province in the Dominion where fuel and ore are to be found in close proximity, the production is practically limited to the Acadia Mines, at Londonderry.

Iron ore.

477. The total production in Canada in 1887 was 76,330 tons, valued at the mines at \$146,197, and was produced as follows:—

Production of iron ore in Canada 1887.